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SUBJECT: SPANISH APPROACHES TO NATO GOVERNMENTS
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1. CONVERSATION WITH ROVIRA REPORTED REFTEL WAS MOST INTERESTING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ASSESSMENT OF SPANISH INTENTIONS REQUESTED IN STATE 91776 WHICH CROSSED WITH YOUR CABLE.

2. WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY ROVIRA'S DOUBTS ABOUT SPANISH APPROACH TO UK, SINCE WE BELIEVE THAT GOS SHOULD UNDERSTAND UTILITY OF TOUCHING ALL THE BASES, EVEN IN CAPITALS WHERE COOL REACTION CAN BE EXPECTED. YOU MAY TELL ROVIRA THAT U.S. THINKING ENVISIONS DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL NATO ALLIES AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO SEE MERIT IN GOS APPROACHES, INCLUDING LONDON, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BEFORE NATO MEETING IN MAY.

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3. FYI: AS YOU ARE AWARE, UK OFFICIALS HAVE INDEED

BEEN COOL TO PROSPECT OF SPAIN-NATO TIES BUT WE STILL
PREFER THAT GOS RECEIVE REACTIONS DIRECTLY FROM OTHER
ALLIES RATHER THAN HAVE U.S. IN POSITION OF INTERMEDIARY.
EARLY REACTIONS FROM OTHER ALLIES MAY ALSO HELP DAMPEN
UNREASONABLE SPANISH EXPECTATIONS REGARDING RESULTS OF
NATO MEETING. END FYI. KISSINGER

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